

D.)Remarks

The specification is amended to provide a new title and headings as required by the Examiner. The Abstract is amended in a manner believed to comply the proper language and format. Claim 1 is amended as suggested and to correct grammatical errors and claim 9 is amended to remove the parentheses.

Additionally, claims 1 -5, 7, 8 and 11 are amended without prejudice to essentially correspond to the language of applicant's patent claims in the corresponding European patent application and in a manner believed to patentable distinguish over the prior art cited by the applicant in the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR§ 1.97 (C)(2). Claim 6 is cancelled. This application, is now believed in condition of the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance and such action is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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